

Governor Abbott Signs Legislation To Crack Down On Mail-In Ballot Fraud



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Governor Greg Abbott today signed Senate Bill 5 (SB 5) to increase penalties for mail-in ballot fraud in Texas. As part of the Governor's special session agenda, this bill will improve the integrity of the ballot box and ensure voter confidence in Texas elections.

"It is a primary function of government to protect a citizen's right to vote, and I will not allow the integrity of the ballot box to be compromised in Texas," said Governor Abbott. "As Attorney General, I prosecuted countless cases of mail-in ballot fraud, and yet this problem continues to persist. Thanks to the efforts of the legislature and authors Sen. Kelly Hancock and Rep. Craig Goldman, Texas has strengthened penalties against those that commit mail-in ballot fraud."